

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

IN RELATION TO THE

People of Color of the United States,

FEBRUARY 14, 1825.

Read: Ordered that it lie upon the table.

WASHINGTON:

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TRENTON, N. J.

January 25, 1825.

SIR: In compliance with a joint Resolution of both Houses of the Legislature of New Jersey, I have the honor of transmitting to you the annexed copy of certain Resolutions, passed by them at their late session, with a request that you will co-operate in all national measures having a tendency to effect the objects therein mentioned.

I am, with great respect, Sir,

Your obedient and very humble servant,

I. H. WILLIAMSON.

Hon. LEWIS CONDUCT.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Resolved, by the Council and General Assembly of this State, That the consideration of a system providing for the gradual emancipation of the people of color held in servitude in the United States, be recommended to the Legislatures of the several States of the American Union, and to the Congress of the United States.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Legislature, a system of foreign colonization, with correspondent measures, might be adopted, that would in due time effect the entire emancipation of the slaves in our country, and furnish an asylum for the free blacks, without any violation of the national compact, or infringement of the rights of individuals; and that such a system should be predicated upon the principle, that the evil of slavery is a national one, and that the People and the States of this Union ought mutually to participate in the duties and burdens of removing it.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to forward a copy of these Resolutions to the Executives of each State in the Union respectively, with a request that they lay the same before their several Legislatures; and that his Excellency will also forward a like copy to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, requesting their co-operation in all national measures having a tendency to effect the same object embraced therein.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

December 30, 1824.

These re-engrossed Resolutions having been read and compared
in the Council,

Resolved, That the same do pass.

By order of the Council:

P. I. STRYKER, *Vice President.*

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

December 29, 1824.

These re-engrossed Resolutions having been read in the House,
Resolved, That the same do pass.

By order of the House:

DAVID JOHNSTON, *Speaker.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, TRENTON,

January 25, 1825.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the original, filed in
my office.

DANIEL COLEMAN,